(b) The Sub-way could not be opened earlier for the public due to the existence of some structure on one of the entrances to the Sub-way. The structure has been shifted and the Sub-way is being opened on 14.8.87.

Taking over the premises of Delhi Cloth Mill

2379. SHRIMATI KRISHNA KAUL: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to take over the premises of The Delhi Cloth Mill in Bara Hindu Rao, Delhi to safeguard the interests of its workers; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) There is no such proposal.

(b) **Does not arise.**

Training to Housewives for Growing Mushrooms

2380. SHRIMATI KRISHNA KAUL: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have formulated a scheme to train housewives to grow mushrooms; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA):

(a) and (b) There are already facilities available with Indian Council of Agricultural Research for training housewives to grow mushroom.

2381. [*Transferred to the 17th August*, 1987].

Loss to Paradeep Phosphates Ltd.

2382. SHRI BASUDEB MOHAPATRA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Paradeep Phophates Ltd. (PPL) has incurred huge loss during first year of its production;

(b) if so, the amount of loss incurred by the unit during the above period; and

(c) what steps Government have taken to improve the situation in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF FERTILIZERS IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI R. PRABHU): (a) and (b) According to the provisional accounts for 1986-87, PPL has sustained a loss of about Rs. 9 crores.

(c) The situation is expected to improve with improvement in capaciy utilisation and sales turn-over.

Fiar Price Shops in Delhi

2383. SHRI SURAJ PRASAD:
SHRI N. E. BALARAM:

Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the number of Fair Price Shops in Delhi has decreased and people of Delhi are facing difficulty as a result thereof; and

(b) if so, what steps are being taken to remedy the situation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) The Delhi Administration has reported that during the last one year i.e. from

1-7-1986 to 1.7.1987 the number of fair price shops in Delhi has increased from 3104 to 3197. However, in certain colonies of old Delhi and central Delhi, the number of fair price shops has declined, slightly, due to tendering of resignations by fair price shop holders.

(b) In areas where private entrepreneurs do not come forward to open fair price shops, the Delhi State Civil Supplies Corporation Ltd., opens its own fair price shops.

Crisis in Mini Steel Plants

2384. SHRI SURAJ PRASAD:
SHRI N. E. BALARAM:

Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the mini steel plants in the country are facing acute crisis;

(b) if so, what is the nature of the crisis; and

(c) what steps are being taken to combat the crisis?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI M. L. FOTEDAR): (a) and (b) Steel Furnace Association of India and Federation of Engineering Industries of India have represented to the Government regarding problems faced by mini-steel plants. It has been represented due to high input casts and fall in selling price of ingots, the mini-steel plants are suffering cash losses.

(c) The customs duty on imported scrap has been reduced by 5 per cent *of valorem* with effect from 4th December, 1986. Through increased imports, adequate quantity of scrab is being made available to the mini-steel plants.

Land for Opening a School to Vasant Vihar Government colony

2385. SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Land and Development Officer had recently received any request from the Municipal Corporation of Delhi (Education Department) regarding allotment of land for opening of MCD Primary School in Vasant Vihar Government colony, New Delhi;

(b) whether requests to that effect have also been received by him/DG/(W). C.P.W.D. also from various Associations|Sansthans as well as members of Parliament;

(c) if so, when the requests have been received and by when the possession of land is likely to be handed over to MCD; and

(d) whether a number of other formalities the Land and Development Office would have to complete before giving land to the school; if so, the details of such formalities and by when these are likely to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir.

(c) and (d) The requests were received in July, 1987. The land can be handed over only after the allotment is made which involves identification of the plot confirmation of land use of the site according to the development plans of the area, removal of encroachments, if any; etc. and receipt of payment for the land after it is allotted.